

DELAC
LCAP QUESTIONS
May 12, 2023

1. With 4 year old students in TK, will anything change with the administration of the Initial ELPAC to be based on birthdate verses grade? Will they need to take it within 30 days?

The initial ELPAC is given to eligible students in kindergarten—or year one of a two-year kindergarten program, also referred to as transitional kindergarten—through grade twelve. It must be completed in the first 30 days of enrollment.

2. Are we adding more teachers because we are continuing class size reduction?

We review annual enrollment information beginning in the spring each year and into the first few weeks of school beginning each fall. Annual enrollments, including students moving in and out of the district, as well as teacher retirements impact how many teachers we need to hire each year. We don't need to add more teachers than the current number of teachers we have for the 2023-24 school year in order to maintain class size reduction.

3. Why do we have multiple math programs, ie: iReady math and Dreambox?

We have a base program in grades Kindergarten – grade 5 called *Math Expressions* and in grades 6 – 8 called *CPM*. These programs are our grade level, standards-aligned programs designed to provide every student content they need for each grade level. The other programs we've purchased, *iReady* and *Dreambox*, are designed to provide each child with specifically what they need for either additional assistance and intervention or enrichment to go beyond grade level content.

4. With new iPads, are they for just students or staff too?

All students and staff receive iPads for instruction and teaching. When we order new editions of the device, all students and staff receive these devices.

5. Are there any curriculum changes for PK, TK, and YALE?

The following programs have been provided to students in our preschool programs.

State Preschool: *Learning without Tears*

TK: *Pre-K on my Way*, both TK and PK use the Preschool Learning Foundations. This program makes suggestions for students who are ages 3 - 5.

YALE: YALE students will be using *Pre-K on my Way* next year

Special Ed: TK and PK classes are also currently reviewing *Pre-K on My Way* for next year.

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6. Will YALE still be fee based?

Yes, the YALE program will continue to be funded by parents who want to enroll in this program.

7. Will there be any supplementary writing programs to support EL students?

Our bilingual assistants, with direction from the classroom teacher, provided ongoing vocabulary support and writing support, as needed. iReady provides some assistance in helping children with writing to grade level expectations. There is not a supplementary writing program designed specifically for English Learners.

8. Imagine Learning is for younger students, Is there another program for older students?

Imagine Learning adapts to all levels for students in grades PK-8. The program adapts in grade 4 so it is more engaging for grade 4 – 8 students.

9. When the new LCAP is written will staff have an opportunity to give input, or are these question that opportunity?

District administration t takes information from staff throughout the year and asks staff for specific input in the spring prior to designing a new LCAP.

10. Can we look in at expanding the day to full day TK?

We've received some requests from parents over the years to maintain the program as a half-day program and to expand it to a full-day program. Given the nature and the purpose of transitional kindergarten, we will continue to provide a half-day program knowing children will receive a full-day program beginning in their kindergarten year.

11. Is the funding from the State different for TK for 1/2 day verses full day programs?

The State does not fund TK programs aside from student enrollment in the program. As of the 2023-24 school year, the District will receive enrollment funding for TK children if they turn 5 years old by April 2, regardless if the program is a half-day or a full-day of instruction.